

EUROPEAN NOTES AGAIN TO FORE

Reply to German Communication
Nearly Completed.

ENGLISH DRAFT NOT STARTED

Believed State Department May Consider British Blockade in Light of Reprisal and Therefore Illegal—Will Deny Right to Nullify International Law to Suit Certain Geographical Situations of Belligerents.

Washington, Aug. 7.—In the interval that is to elapse before a third Pan-American conference on the Mexican situation is held the attention of the state department will be concentrated once more on several problems growing out of the controversy with the European belligerents. These matters have necessarily been pushed to one side in the last few days as a result of the Mexican deliberations. The two matters of greatest importance are the replies to the German note in the Frye case and the several British notes defending the interference with American trade with neutral countries. The reply of the United States in the Frye case has been drafted, and probably will be submitted to the president in a day or two. No note to Great Britain has yet been drafted, but much preliminary work has been done on that subject and little delay is expected.

It is likely that full advantage will be taken by the administration of the opportunity afforded by the British reference to Germany's conduct as justifying what England is doing. Language quite similar to that used in the notes to Germany, informing her that the United States could not admit into its controversy with Germany any of Germany's complaints against Great Britain, probably will be found in the note to Great Britain. Aside from the legal aspect of the situation, officials here are delighted at the opportunity thus afforded them to lay it on Great Britain in a way which is likely to mollify those who feel that the United States has been giving Germany alone the rough edge of its tongue.

Officials are considering the possibility of pressing this advantage still further in the reply to Great Britain. By some it is felt that the United States would be justified in declaring that Great Britain in admitting that her blockade is a retaliation for the submarine operations of Germany has acknowledged by implication that her blockade is a reprisal and therefore beyond the law. By others the opinion is held that Great Britain was clever enough in writing her note to stop just short of actually admitting that her blockade measures are to be viewed as a reprisal. On the other hand, it is claimed that while this may be true technically, as a matter of fact the British have sought to justify their blockade measures by claiming them to be a necessary retaliation against the illegal and inhuman practices of Germany and should be called to account accordingly.

As the British note is being studied other points to be raised in contradiction of the British argument are being developed. It is now certain that the American reply will concede practically nothing of the British argument and that it will evade the "deadly parallel" of the American civil war cases by maintaining that the conclusions along this line drawn by the British really are not justified by the facts in the two situations. Great Britain will be charged with trying to nullify circumstance due to the physical fact of geography; the United States will contend that it can not accept this view; that the rules of blockade or the application of them can be altered to fit the geographical facts of a particular situation.

BAD DAY FOR NEGROES

Nine Executed or Lynched and Tenth Chased by Mob.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 7.—In the south nine blacks were hanged, seven legally, two lynched, and a tenth being chased, within a period of twenty-four hours. Alabama led the list with four legal hangings, the governor refusing reprieves in each case. Robert Watkins and John Salter were hanged while a squad of militiamen stood guard for the murder and assault of Mrs. Mary Lassiter. George James was hanged for murder. Millard Carpenter was hanged at Birmingham for murder of John S. Camp, a white man.

Mississippi, outdone by Alabama numerically, hanged but three, but with two of them, Peter Bolen and Jim Scates, convicted of murdering another negro, much ceremony being used. The hanging was at Fresno, the gallows being erected between two hills in a natural amphitheater. Punyan Walker was hanged for murder.

Dispatches from Shawnee, Okla., tell of a mob which hanged Ed Berry to a Santa Fe railroad bridge.

At Trilby, Fla., a crowd, hypnotized with fury, lynched Will Leach, accused of attacking a thirteen-year-old girl.

At last reports a mob of 500 men was closing in on a negro near Liberty, Mo., who attacked a farmer's wife.

GENERAL GOURAUD

Commander of French Troops
in the Dardanelles Campaign.



Photo by American Press Association.

PENROSE PROPOSES TO REDUCE TARIFF

Senator Sees Changed Conditions
After War Ends.

Philadelphia, Aug. 7.—United States Senator Boies Penrose, in a speech at a dinner here, announced that he would introduce at the next session of congress a tariff bill that will contain reductions of 15 to 20 per cent on many of the duties in the Payne-Adrich bill. The senator said:

"For myself, I intend to introduce at the opening of the next congress a tariff bill protective in its nature, containing a horizontal reduction of 15 or 20 per cent on many of the duties contained in the Payne bill, but reinforcing some of the schedules, like the chemical schedule, to the extent that may be necessary to secure these industries in our country. This bill will protect us from the collapse which will occur on the close of the war in Europe and will furnish us money to prepare for the national defense, should any nation of Europe in arms desire to invade or assault us."

All Quiet in the Vosges.
Paris, Aug. 7.—The official communiqué issued was as follows: "There were artillery actions in Artois, between the Somme and the Oise, and in the valley of the Aisne. In the western portion of the Argonne the enemy bombarded our trenches very violently throughout the day with shells of all calibers. Our artillery and trench mortars replied to the bombardment. In the Apremont forest there was a lively bombardment. In the Vosges the day was calm."

WHISPERING GALLERIES.

Old World Churches With Remarkable Acoustic Properties.

The most celebrated whispering gallery is that which surrounds the base of the interior of the dome of St. Paul's cathedral, London. A person speaking near its surface can be heard distinctly by one listening near the smooth wall at the other extremity of the diameter, but not elsewhere.

In the cathedral of Gloucester a whispering passage leads from one aisle to the opposite behind the east window of the choir. It is seventy-five feet long, six and a half feet high and three feet wide in the form of half an irregular octagon. The walls and ceilings are of freestone, and the slightest whisper travels from end to end.

The cathedral of the Taj Mahal in Agra, India, has most marvelous echoes and reverberating qualities, but is scarcely a whispering gallery. The whole cathedral of Girgenti, in Sicily, has this character owing to the peculiar structure of its walls. These remarkable properties also belonged to the "Ear of Dionysius," cut in the rock at Syracuse in the shape of a parabola, ending in an elliptical arch. It is said that the tyrant seated in a small chamber over a hundred feet from the spot occupied by his captives by this means could hear every word spoken by his prisoners.—London Answers.

Scene Painting.

In the past half century and more, especially since the improvement of the electric light, scene painting has become very elaborate and very expensive. Instead of being kept in its proper place as the decoration of the drama, as a beautiful accessory of the action, it has often been pushed to the front, so as to attract attention to itself and thereby to distract attention from the play which was supposed to illuminate. Shakespeare has been smothered in scenery, and the art of the actor has been subordinated to the art of the scene painter.—Brander Matthews in Scribner's Magazine.

LEARN TO SWIM; MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE

People fall into a sudden panic in the surf, or any other tide way for that matter, and get drowned. Excited survivors and still more excited writers hold forth on the terrors of the undertow, the awful "cut" of the tide racing along the shore, the murderous magic of the "sea purse," or "sea piss," as the fisherfolk call it, that destroys lives like the fabled dragon.

Booh! Pathetic, but booh just the same. It is not the sea that drowns. It is the folly of the victims themselves. This statement is not a very kindly epitaph for the poor creatures who drowned last Sunday, are drowning as you read this today and will drown next Sunday; but it is the plain truth. The saddest thing is that these deaths might be so easily avoided.

How? By watermanship—that is, by knowing how to employ the water as a friend, no matter how rough it may be for a while. This does not mean great swimming ability; it needs only good water-sense. I guarantee that any one who will abide by the suggestions here to follow will be safe in the surf on any bathing beach in the world. I have tried out these principles in the surf of Jersey, Long Island, Fire Island, Block Island, all the rest of the New England coast, California, Hawaii and Japan, and never have I suffered one moment's uneasiness, let alone any actual peril.

What do I mean by watermanship? The art of knowing that the water is a kind, benevolent friend, always willing to support and amuse me, rather than to regard it as a treacherous enemy always on the lookout for a chance to pounce on me and take my life. The water is like a rough but good dog—glad to be a friend if you will be, but quick to attack if you show signs of fear. Yet many a man and woman who would, in case of need, force enough moral courage to walk up to a savage Gator Dane and pat his terrifying head, finds it hard to do the much simpler job of making friends with the water. It is for precisely these persons that this article is written.

Don't bother to remember that the water is of greater specific gravity than you are, and, therefore, is bound to support you if you give it half a chance. Leave that proposition to the male student. The thing for you to do is to prove it to yourself, prove it to that inner man, the savage, primal ego known to scientists as the subliminal self; the wild man who takes charge when you encounter some vast, heart-fearing experience. He's the boy! Convince him, and he'll keep quiet for ever after when a big sea smashes you down or a galloping tide runs you away from your chosen course.

First of all, I assume that you know how to swim in still water before you tackle the surf. Surely you do. For a nonswimmer to go into the surf and hope to come out safe is as if he should carry a blazing torch into a powder magazine and hope that no spark would drop into the powder. He might do it safely a few times, and then some day—

But being a swimmer is only the beginning of watermanship. I learned the real art from a boy called Bull-head, who was the most obstinate little chap in our village. He refused to listen to us big fellows of 12 who tried to make him study first how to keep his head above surface.

"I'd just as soon swim underneath as on top," he told us. And this is precisely what he did. He stood about 10 feet off shore, where the water was breast deep, drew a long breath and hopped to the bottom. There he swam along easily—three, four, half a dozen strokes—moving with the ease of a fish. And when the breath became scant he just stood up on his feet and breathed all he wanted.

Soon that little rascal got to be on the most chummy terms with the water of that creek. He played around beneath the surface until it was as pleasant to him to be there as in the bottom of a bathtub at home—and with no more idea of danger.

There was his happy secret. He had forgotten that the water had such a thing as destructive power. It was his playmate. After a while he discovered that he could swim near the top or on the top of the water whenever he chose, and from that time forth he was easily the best swimmer and diver in the village. Why? Because he was a complete waterman.

Anybody who will give a little time and effort to the task can become as expert a waterman as Bull-head. And, once you have thoroughly mastered the idea that the water is not an assassin dogging your track, you can enjoy the freedom of the sea, able—not only able, but glad—to float in it or lie down on it and let it carry you away whither it will, like the Magic Carpet.

All this, of course, has to be acquired in still water, where the going is easy; for in the surf there is too

much roll and thrust for the average person to keep his mind on the problem of learning how to be happy though immersed. But if you once get clearly in mind the fun there is in playing in and under the water you will find it the most fascinating pastime in the world to swim below the surface, eyes wide open, enjoying the sight of pebbles glorified by refraction into gems, and laughing at the antics of the scampering fish. I have often offered to bet that I can read a paper under ten feet of clear water, and some day I shall actually do it.

If a swimmer once masters this not difficult habit of watermanship he is ready for the great adventure of playing in the surf. No matter how the big waves roll he will still be the master of the situation. For he will have learned that the water is his faithful host, seeking only to entertain him.

Suppose there is a heavy undertow; he goes with it. Or, if there is a "set" of the tide running strong off shore he goes with that. The chief thing is not to fight the water. Be friendly. Go with it. It does not want to hurt you. The strongest twisters that roll up and carom off the shore, carrying all before them, soon lose their power, spread out as a pall of smoke spreads out in the upper air.

The average person at play in the surf when a heavy undertow is running knows nothing about this. He suddenly finds it is not easy to get back to the shore, fights lustily, discovers he is not advancing, then becomes panic-stricken, suffers heart-stroke—and dies.

What is the safe play? Nonresistance. You know that when a billiard ball with a lot of "draw" on it hits the cushion at an angle and spins away it runs furiously along for a while, still spinning, then little by little stops all motion. So it is with the extraordinary waves that are now and again sent spinning against the shore by some distant storm. No one knows when they may come; they may leap in suddenly from any quiet summer sea. But they obey the law. If they hit the beach head on, fairly and squarely, they smash, and that's the end. If they carom on at an angle, they spin away at an angle and sweep man, boat, or any other object out to sea with them. But soon or late they lose their spin, their drawing power, and then one may escape in any direction he pleases.

When one of these freaks of the sea grabs you and hustles you off shore, don't try to fight its impulse. Go along quietly. Turn over on your back and float. If you are stout you can float simply by lying perfectly still. The very thinnest man can keep himself up for hours by the smallest motion of the hands.

When the force of the eddy, or "seapurse," is spent, begin a leisurely paddle toward shore, or, if you prefer, yell for help. There is always some one around in a boat at any of the beaches eager to help a fellow. Or it is perfectly easy to make your own way in if you will just go quartering along the beach, edging in gradually out of the tide.

You will be as safe in the water as you are in your rocking chair if you will remember to go gently and not worry.

WATCH YOUR STEP (Tid Bits)

Shakespeare, in "Troilus and Cressida," makes Ulysses, the great General, say: "Tis he, I ken the manner of his gait; he rises on the toe; that spirit of his in aspiration lifts him from the earth." Here is briefly set down the whole alpha and omega of recent scientific and psychological discoveries about the intimacy between your gait, your character and your health.

Physicians diagnose locomotor ataxia by the gait. Paresis, agitating palsy, lumbago, diplegia, infantile paralysis and a legion of true maladies are greatly determined by the gait. An expert with whom I have discussed this subject, says:

"Watch the woman who drags her feet along as if every step were an effort, and if she has any of the world's goods it is because they have been thrust upon her. If it be a man he would be the first into the lifeboat from a sinking ship. The man or woman with the dragging gait is the man or woman without a heart. The women who has difficulty in lifting her heels from the ground when she walks is a winner.

"Watch the woman who hurries along as if she were anxious to part company with the pavement. Her steps are quick and snappy. She has plenty of vim. When you see a woman planting her feet firmly on the ground and walking with a free swing, you may be sure she is wholesome, to be depended upon, capable. She will be your friend, your pal, your sweetheart on rainy days just as much as, or more

SHORT LOCALS

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Servais of West Gambier street are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Williams of Brandon. The Bell Telephone Co. is engaged in moving its poles on the Wooster road, due to the improvements on that stretch of highway.

Mrs. Frances Whittington returned Friday to Barborton, after a visit in the city with Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Clough.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Rowe of Homer, who have been guests of Mrs. H. M. Van Voorhis of the Newark road, left Friday for Columbus.

Dr. J. E. Studebaker returned Thursday to his home in Springfield, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. William G. Scribner.

Made since 1846—Hanford's Balsam. Misses Laura Koons and Irene Trick went to Akron Friday to spend several days with Miss Ruby Vance, formerly of this city.

Miss Verda Meredith returned Friday to Condit, after a visit at the home of Mr. L. V. Ulery, East Vine street.

Mrs. N. Ulery returned to Galena Friday, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Stimmel, East Gambier street.

Mrs. G. R. Anderson left Friday for Cincinnati, after spending several days here with Judge and Mrs. P. L. Wilkins.

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Mrs. J. F. Mahaffey of North Sandusky street departed Friday for Pittsburgh, where she will visit with relatives.

Miss Byrde Gilman of Pittsburgh, Pa., who has been the guest of Mrs. J. F. Mahaffey, North Sandusky street, departed Friday for her home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Lord of the Newark road were called to Conneautville, Pa., on Friday by the death of Mr. Lord's father.

Mrs. Elsie Blade of Columbus spent Thursday and Friday with her brother, Mr. Lester Bennett, North Mulberry street.

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Mr. Albert Marsh returned Friday to his work in the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, after a week's visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Dixon of Columbus are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Rawlinson, Jr., East High street.

Judge Lewis B. Houck went to Zanesville Friday to attend a banquet tendered by the Muskingum bar association to Judge Frazier, who retires from the bench.

For galls use Hanford's Balsam. Mrs. Douglass Metcalf and Mrs. Jesse McDonald are spending the day in Gambier.

Miss Ada Blythe has gone to Milwaukee, Wis., for a visit with her sister, Miss Mamie Blythe.

Mr. and Mrs. William Deitrick have returned from a two weeks' visit in Louisville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant E. Smith and daughter, Miss Mae, are spending several days at Magnetic Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Loriaux and daughter of Pleasantville are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Frere.

Mrs. J. D. Porter of Howard street and Mrs. Clem Durbin of East High street are spending the day in Akron.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Rawlinson, Jr., were guests of friends in Columbus Thursday.

For poison ivy use Hanford's Balsam. Mr. Aaron Taylor of the city water works returned Thursday evening from a week's visit in Mansfield.

Mrs. J. H. Atkinson of West Chestnut street is spending several days with Utica relatives.

Mr. Arthur E. Rawlinson, Jr., leaves tomorrow for Chicago, where he will

join Messrs. William Keener and E. E. Freeman of that city and go on a fishing trip in Wisconsin.

Mr. P. R. Draper of Wellington, who has been a patient at the Mt. Vernon hospital for the past five weeks, was able to return home Friday.

Miss Viola Wilkins returned Friday to Martinsburg, after a visit with Judge and Mrs. P. L. Wilkins.

Mrs. C. V. Cullison of Danville is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. P. L. Wilkins.

Mrs. Mary Zolman of Mansfield is the guest of relatives at the M. & S. hospital.

Mrs. P. C. Cochran returned to Orrville Friday, after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cochran.

Mrs. J. L. Devolt and grandson, Edwin Devolt, of the Columbus road, are spending several days in Centerburg.

Otis Tanner of Purity has accepted a position with Jacob Dubinsky of Mt. Vernon as iron assessor. He leaves for his new position Monday.—Newark Advocate.

Mrs. Charles Slingluff, Misses Ella and Linnie Slingluff of Norristown, Pa., arrived here Friday for a visit with their son and brother, Mr. H. G. Slingluff, East Gambier street.

Mr. A. P. Sandles of Ottawa, former president of the state agricultural commission, spent Friday in the city, the guest of Postmaster and Mrs. S. G. Dowds.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Lemasters returned Friday from a visit with relatives in Chesterville, Fredericktown and Mansfield. While in Chesterville, they attended the home-coming of that village.

Miss Louise Cassil of North Gay street went to Marion Saturday to visit with her sister, Mrs. L. H. Britton, for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kennedy and daughter, Elizabeth, of West Vine street are spending the day in Columbus.

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THE BANNER

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